U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Complete if Kn wn Substitute for form 1449A/PTO **Application Number** 10/630,719 INFORMATION DISCLOSURE 07/31/2003 Filing Date STATEMENT BY APPLICANT First Named Inventor Erick Girouard Art Unit (use as many sheets as necessary) **Examiner Name Attorney Docket Number** K8000112US1 Sheet of 2

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
Examiner Initials	Cite No.1	Document Number	Number Kind Code	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	
		US-					
		US-					
		US-					
		US-					
		US-					
		US-					
		US-					
		US-					
		US-					
		US-					
		US-					
		US-					
		US-					
		US-					
		US-					
		US-					
		US-					
		US-					
		US-					
		US-					

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS								
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.1		Foreign Patent Do	cument	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Pessages or Relevant Figures Appear	
		Office	Number <sup>4</sup>	Kind <sup>5</sup> (if known)	MM-DD-YYYY			Te
400	1	EPO	0 013 579		12-29-1982	Valico P.v.b.a.		
SINS SINK SINK SINS	2	EPO	0 354 427		02-14-1990	Madvescek, Milan		
and .	3	DE	44 45 588		12-20-1994	Danfoss A/S		↓_
100	4	BE	387342		04-30-1932	Bamag-Meguin A.G.		-
								-
					· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			<b>-</b>
							<del> </del>	-
<b></b>	ļ	ļ					<u> </u>	
	<u> </u>							
		L					<u> </u>	

	Examiner Signature	Hepperle	Date Considered	3/2004
--	--------------------	----------	--------------------	--------

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. Applicant's unique citation designation number (op8onal). See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at <a href="https://www.uspto.gov">www.uspto.gov</a> or MPEP 901.04. Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Stantard ST.3). For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS, SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.